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TOPIC - Werneuchen Airfield

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REMARKS

1. On 9 November 1951, 1,200 workers were still employed at Werneuchen airfield. On 6 and 7 November, 2 steam locomotives, 2 Diesel locomotives, 50 dumpercars, and 500 meters of rails were transported to Adlershof. Six of the scheduled 12 hardstands along the southern taxiway were completed. Three were in the shape of an F in the western section and three between stations 12 and 46. (1) The remaining six hardstands, including three in the shape of an F at the eastern section of the taxiway, were to be completed in the following week. [redacted]
[redacted] the concrete used had to have a compression strength of 350 kg per square centimeter. Work on a road leading south of station 45 of the southern taxiway was completed except for the apron, 18 x 60 meters, in front of the former repair hangar. Concreting was under way on a connecting lane from this apron to the southern target range. The previously observed disassembled aircraft near the target ranges were shipped away. The wings previously stored there had been transported into the wooded area. (2)

2. On 13 November, six twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies were parked in front of the westernmost hangar of the field and later towed into the hangars.
[redacted]

3. About noon on 18 November, 16 trucks [redacted] left the field. Ten trucks each were occupied by 12 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and the remaining six trucks were loaded with billeting equipment. The destination of the vehicles could not be determined. (3)

4. At 9:30 a.m. on 20 November, trucks with billeting equipment left the field toward Alt-Landsberg.
[redacted]

5. No aircraft were parked at the field between 5 and 12 November. The hangars were closed. There was no flying. Between 14 and 19 November, no aircraft were observed at the field. About 3:30 p.m. on 19 November, a convoy of about 15 trucks, each occupied by 5 to 8 men and loaded with billeting equipment, baggage, and laundry

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25X1 bundles, moved on the highway from the field toward Legendorf. The soldiers, about 100, wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

25X1 [redacted] The destination of the convoy could not be determined, but it was believed to be en route to Strausberg via Legendorf-Wesendahl. (3)

25X1 6. [redacted] a portion of the middle section of the concrete runway had been removed because the concrete used did not have the prescribed ratio of mixture.

7. Between 22 and 26 November, trucks with Soviet Air Force soldiers and billeting equipment daily left the field toward Legendorf. (3) On 24 and 26 November, 30 and 15 Soviet Air Force soldiers with field equipment were observed marching from the railroad station to the airfield. (4)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) [redacted]
- (2) This statement refers to Pe-2 aircraft left behind by the bomber regiment. The Pe-2s appeared to be currently being disassembled and shipped out.
- (3) These convoys carried about 500 men which were part of an unidentified ground unit previously quartered in Worneuchen. The personnel probably moved to Strausberg. It is believed that the ground unit left the field to make room for an air unit expected there.
- (4) The newly arrived soldiers probably were the first elements of an advance party of ground units belonging to an air unit. The report, particularly the statements contained in paragraph 1 [redacted] indicates that construction in Worneuchen is completed.

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